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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING THE NOVEL HUMAN

PHOSPHATASE, RET31, AND VARIANTS THEREOF

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COMMUNICATION

Sir:

With respect to the Office communication mailed on February 2, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit a Substitute Declaration for U.S. Application Serial No. 10/029,345 under MPEP §605.04 that corrects the defects noted by the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fee is due to the Patent Office. However, if this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Respectfully submitted.

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